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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 May 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-100 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-100 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 29 May 2007 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/17/07.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Applicant's arguments filed May 29, 2007, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Claims 1-100 are pending and have been examined.

***Response to Amendment***

3. The objections to the drawings are withdrawn.
4. The objections to the specification are withdrawn.
5. The objections to claims 9, 14, 19, 28, 33, 38, 47, 52, 57, 74, 87, 100 are withdrawn.
6. The rejection of claims 65, 78, and 91 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is withdrawn.
7. The arguments against the double patenting rejection in view of copending Application No. 10/687,488 have been considered but ignore the facts pointed out in the rejection. The extra limitations found in the copending application are mere re-writings of the ones found on the instant application, i.e. the limitation "sending a rights locker enrollment request to a rights locker provider, said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and said enrollment authentication data" of the instant application maps to 'sending a rights locker enrollment request to a rights locker provider, said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and said enrollment authentication data;" and the subsequent "sending said authenticated rights locker access request to a rights locker provider; and receiving a result in

response to said sending said authenticated rights locker access request". **Applicant's arguments are not persuasive.**

8. The arguments against the double patenting rejection in view of copending Application No. 10/687,459 have been considered but ignore the facts pointed out in the rejection. Claims 10 and 15 are slightly different in scope only because they address accessing the content after the first request. The extra limitations found in the copending application maps to limitations found on dependent claims 7-9. **Applicant's arguments are not persuasive.**

***Double Patenting***

9. Claims 1-100 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-88 of copending Application No. 10/687,488. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully claimed in the referenced copending application.

10. This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

11. The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully claimed in the referenced copending application and would be covered by any patent granted on that copending application since the referenced copending application and the instant application are claiming common subject matter, as follows:

- the instant application claims a method for digital content access control, comprising:

- **determining digital content to be made accessible via a rights locker** describing a user's access rights for digital content associated with said rights locker;
- **determining enrollment authentication data;**
- **sending a rights locker enrollment request to a rights locker provider, said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and said enrollment authentication data;**  
and
- **receiving an authenticated rights locker access request in response to said sending, said authenticated rights locker access request for subsequent use in accessing digital content associated with said rights locker (claim 1);**

- the copending application claims a method for digital content access control, comprising:

- **determining digital content to be made accessible via a rights locker;**
- **determining enrollment authentication data;**
- **sending a rights locker enrollment request to a rights locker provider, said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and said enrollment authentication data;**
- **receiving one or more authenticated rights locker access requests in response to said sending, said one or more authenticated rights**

**locker access requests for subsequent use in accessing digital content associated with said rights locker;**

- receiving an indication of a selection of one of said one or more authenticated rights locker access requests;
- sending said authenticated rights locker access request to a rights locker provider; and
- receiving a result in response to said sending said authenticated rights locker access request (claim 1).

12. Claims 1-100 of the instant application are envisioned by copending Application No. 10/687,488's claims 1-88 in that claims 1-88 of the copending application contain all the limitations of claims 1-100 of the instant application. Claims 1-100 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the copending application claims and as such are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting. Both provide digital content access control, a rights locker, and enrollment data.

13. Claims 1-100 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-88 of copending Application No. 10/687,459. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully claimed in the referenced copending application.

14. This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

15. The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully claimed in the referenced copending application and would be covered by any patent granted on that copending application since the referenced copending application and the instant application are claiming common subject matter, as follows:

- the instant application claims a method for digital content access control, comprising:
  - o **determining a digital content specification and associated authenticated rights locker access request;**
  - o **sending said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital content specification;**
  - o **receiving a new authenticated rights locker access request in response to said sending; and**
  - o **receiving said digital content in response to said sending (claim 15);**
- the copending application claims a method for digital content access control, comprising:
  - o **determining a digital content specification and associated authenticated rights locker access request;**
  - o **sending said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital content specification;**
  - o **receiving a new authenticated rights locker access request and a Web page with one or more clickable links in response to said**

**sending, at least one of said one or more clickable links associated with an authenticated digital content request;**

- **receiving an indication of a user selection of one of said one or more clickable links;**
- **sending an authenticated digital content request associated with said one of said one or more clickable links to a digital content repository; and**
- **receiving said digital content in response to said sending said authenticated digital content request (claim 1).**

16. Claims 1-100 of the instant application are envisioned by copending Application No. 10/687,459's claims 1-88 in that claims 1-88 of the copending application contain all the limitations of claims 1-100 of the instant application. Claims 1-100 of the instant application therefore are not patentably distinct from the copending application claims and as such are unpatentable for obvious-type double patenting.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

17. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

**18. Claims 1-100 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Buhse et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0024652, hereinafter Buhse).**

**Regarding claims 1, 20, 39, and 58,** Buhse teaches

- Determining, on a user device (pars. 173-190), digital content to be made accessible via a rights locker describing a user's access rights for digital content associated with said rights locker (**par. 154-158, 173-188**);
- determining, on said user device, enrollment authentication data (**par. 160-172**);
- sending, from said user device, a rights locker enrollment request to a rights locker provider, said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and said enrollment authentication data (**par. 123-135**); and
- receiving, on said user device, an authenticated rights locker access request in response to said sending, said authenticated rights locker access request for subsequent use in accessing digital content associated with said rights locker (**par. 132-135**).

**Regarding claims 10, 29, 48, and 75,** Buhse teaches

- determining, on a user device (pars. 173-190), a digital content specification and associated authenticated rights locker access request (**par. 154-158, 173-188**);
- sending, from said user device, said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital content specification (**par. 123-135**);

- receiving, on said user device, an authenticated digital content request and a new authenticated rights locker access request in response to said sending (par. 132-135);
- sending, from said user device, said authenticated digital content request (par. 132-135); and
- receiving, on said user device, said digital content in response to said sending said authenticated digital content request (par. 132-135).

**Regarding claims 15, 34, 53, and 88**, Buhse teaches

- determining, on a user device(pars. 173-190), a digital content specification and associated authenticated rights locker access request (par. 154-158, 173-188);
- sending, from said user device, said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital content specification (par. 123-135);
- receiving, on said user device, a new authenticated rights locker access request in response to said sending (par. 132-135); and
- receiving, on said user device, said digital content in response to said sending (par. 132-135).

**Regarding claims 2, 21, 40, and 59**, Buhse teaches wherein said digital content request comprises a request for initializing said rights locker with rights to specified digital content (par. 154-161).

**Regarding claims 3, 22, 41, and 60**, Buhse teaches wherein said enrollment authentication data comprises: rights locker access authentication data for determining

what rights, if any, said user has to access said rights locker; and rights content access authentication data for determining what rights, if any, said user has to digital content associated with said rights locker (**par. 154-161**).

**Regarding claims 4, 23, 42, and 61**, Buhse teaches wherein said rights locker access authentication data comprises payment for use of a rights locker service (**par. 154-161**).

**Regarding claims 5, 24, 43, and 62**, Buhse teaches wherein said rights content access authentication data comprises payment for rights deposited in said rights locker (**par. 154-161**).

**Regarding claims 6, 25, 44, and 63**, Buhse teaches wherein said enrollment authentication data comprises a reenrollment key determined in a previous enrollment request for said rights locker, said reenrollment key for supplementing or replacing enrollment authentication data of said previous enrollment request (**par. 123-131**).

**Regarding claims 7, 12, 17, 26, 31, 36, 45, 50, 55, 72, 85, and 98**, Buhse teaches storing at least part of said (new) authenticated rights locker access request in a bookmark on said user device (**par. 181-190**).

**Regarding claims 8, 13, 18, 27, 32, 37, 46, 51, 56, 73, 86, and 99**, Buhse teaches wherein said (new) authenticated rights locker access request is embedded in a Web cookie (**par. 181-190**).

**Regarding claims 9, 14, 19, 28, 33, 38, 47, 52, 57, 74, 87, and 100**, Buhse teaches wherein said (new) authenticated rights locker access request is encapsulated in an Hypertext Transfer Protocol Response message (par. 181-190).

**Regarding claims 11, 16, 30, 35, 49, 54, 76, and 89**, Buhse teaches wherein said method further comprises determining one or more delivery parameters, said one or more delivery parameters indicating where said digital content should be sent, a delivery mechanism, or both; and said sending further comprises sending said one or more delivery parameters (par. 218-229).

**Regarding claims 64, 77, and 90**, Buhse teaches wherein said user device comprises a smart card (par. 40-45, 72, 236-238).

**Regarding claims 65, 78, and 91**, Buhse teaches wherein said smart card comprises a Java Card.TM. technology-enabled smart card (par. 40-45, 72, 236-238).

**Regarding claims 66, 79, and 92**, Buhse teaches wherein said smart card comprises a CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) technology-enabled smart card (par. 40-45, 72, 236-238).

**Regarding claims 67, 80, and 93**, Buhse teaches wherein said smart card comprises a SIM (Subscriber Identity Module) card (par. 40-45, 72, 236-238).

**Regarding claims 68, 81, and 94**, Buhse teaches wherein said smart card comprises a WIM (Wireless Interface Module) (par. 40-45, 72, 236-238).

**Regarding claims 69, 82, and 95**, Buhse teaches wherein said smart card comprises a USIM (Universal Subscriber Identity Module) (par. 40-45, 72, 236-238).

**Regarding claims 70, 83, and 96**, Buhse teaches wherein said smart card comprises a UIM (User Identity Module) (**par. 40-45, 72, 236-238**).

**Regarding claims 71, 84, and 97**, Buhse teaches wherein said smart card comprises a R-UIM (Removable User Identity Module) (**par. 40-45, 72, 236-238**).

***Conclusion***

19. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

20. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kontio et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2005/0004875), Asokan et al. (US Patent Application Publication 20030226012), and Bourne et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0003270) teach a user device performing the

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claimed functions. Stefik et al. (US Patent 7,200,574) teaches using digital tickets for usage rights with respect to digital work.

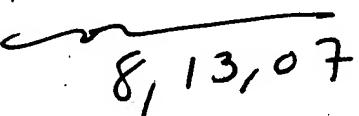
21. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David G. Cervetti whose telephone number is (571)272-5861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday.

22. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser Moazzami can be reached on (571)272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

23. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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